

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been amended as submitted in the Amendment filed February 15, 2006, by incorporating therein the subject matter of claims 5 and 17, and claims 8-9 have been amended to be dependent on claim 1. Accordingly, claims 5, 12, and 15-20 have been canceled. Also, the two clauses of claim 1 introduced by “wherein” have been presented as separate paragraphs.

In addition, claim 9 has been amended as submitted in the Amendment filed April 24, 2006, to provide antecedent basis to “the polarizing plate” as noted in the Advisory Action.

Non-entry of the Amendment filed February 15, 2006 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13-14 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 10 are the only independent claims.

In the Office Action dated November 25, 2006, claims 1-10 and 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over US 5,543,948 to Takahashi et al. (“Takahashi”) in view of JP 05-086211 to Matsui et al. (“Matsui JP’211”), and claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Takahashi in view of Matsui and further in view of US 5,725,960 to Konishi et al. (“Konishi”).

Consideration of the Remarks in the Amendment filed February 25, 2006 is respectfully requested. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejections should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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